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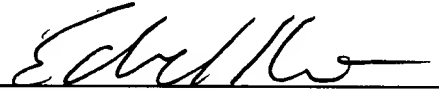
Further to the Information Disclosure Statement dated July 29, 2004,
Applicants are submitting herewith an English language translation of Japan 8-065511, and
partial English translations of Japan 5-292297 (Column 27-42, 55-78, 105, and Figures 1-5
and 10-13), Japan 5-284339 (Column 48-70 and Figures 1 and 9-15) and Japan 63-182973
(From "Embodiment" to "Advantages of the Invention" and Figures 1-3).

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action
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timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(4). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this
information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of
the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to

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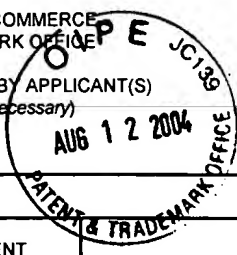
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